



UFOs & NATIONAL SECURITY
An Interview with Clifford Stone
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Sergeant Clifford Stone recently retired from the US Army after 22 years of service, although he is still involved in reserve duty. He has an encyclopaedic knowledge of government documents pertaining to official UFO investigations. Stone claims he was actually part of a secret, quick-response team that handled UFO events for the military. Although he can tell innumerable personal stories, he is tenaciously seeking documentary proof that such activities really occur.

This interview with Clifford Stone was conducted by Italian freelance journalist Paola Harris, who is a major contributor to the Italian UFO magazines *Dossier Alieni* and *UFO Notiziario*. The interview took place on 2 July 1998 at Sgt Stone's home in Roswell, New Mexico, USA. — Ed.

Paola Harris: Sergeant Stone, what is your background and what events led to the birth of your book, *UFOs Are Real*?

Clifford Stone: When I was seven I had my first close encounter with a UFO, followed by interactions with alien entities. I served in the Army for over 21 years. At first I was reluctant, then afraid, then disillusioned by the way the government handles the subject.

When I decided to speak openly about UFOs, I was still on active service and the Army only told me to always make consistent statements. However, when I was assigned to another detachment, I was categorically ordered not to discuss UFOs or write or make requests to Congress without authorisation or approval. I considered this to be unacceptable, especially since I was involved in the program without the knowledge of my commanding officer.

Instead of being discharged, I was sent to Germany, then Belgium and around Europe, and I found myself involved in the UFO situation again, though unwillingly. I heard about an incident in the USSR: the Soviets had tried to shoot down a large, unidentified craft and had mysteriously lost three of their planes.

So I decided to come out into the open, in spite of my superiors who may not have been aware of my intentions and my links with various agencies connected to UFOs. I asked to be discharged, informed the structures not connected to the Army about this, and left Germany.

PH: What year was this?

CS: It was 1989. I went home on apparently ordinary leave. Only one colleague, a Russian interpreter, knew about my involvement with the UFO program. My request to be discharged was denied two days before I arrived at Fort Bliss, and they assigned me elsewhere for two months.

They convinced me to stay and said I wouldn't be sent back to Europe but would be assigned to Fort Belvoir. I was still set on leaving because I didn't want to go through the same experiences—experiences which can't be discussed, even to the extent where my family knew nothing about them but were used to my sudden, long absences and certain strange visitors...

PH: Were they government agents?

CS: Yes, but I didn't know they were. Here's an example. Since 1969, up until two months ago, I was in close contact with someone who remained anonymous and who called me "Colonel". He was an agent responsible for my protection.

PH: *UFOs Are Real* contains classified documents. What impact has the book had on public opinion?

CS: It contains a large amount of American government documents with a high classification level. The government denies everything and doesn't even admit that top-secret documents on the subject exist, but keeps them well hidden! My interest centres on Project *Moon Dust* and Operation *Blue Fly*, which were involved with UFO retrievals. The US Air Force has an installation at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, which is identified as "Air Intelligence Group 696" and is responsible for the collection of UFO data and material. Names and programs are given pseudonyms.

I was in the Army's counterespionage

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service when the program covering *Moon Dust* and *Blue Fly* began. These missions are both run by the Department of State. Well, that's a half-truth. It's actually Defense Intelligence which really controls both projects—using military attachés in every consulate and embassy in the world, who send data about UFOs—while our military personnel were and *are* ready to go into action anywhere, in order to obtain any prospective document and make it disappear.

PH: Such as documents about recovered UFOs which the USA has always hidden on the basis of certain agreements?

CS: I am absolutely certain that the majority of the foremost governments and intelligence agencies know the truth about UFOs. Don't get me wrong: we don't know how much has been disclosed.

PH: What *didn't* you say in *UFOs Are Real?*

CS: I didn't say very much about *Moon Dust* and *Blue Fly*. I got hold of certain documents, but when I tried to find certain information I got nowhere. They told me that for the moment it was probably classified material and could not be divulged.

I then went to certain members of Congress, who denied—through political channels—both the existence of operative units with these names and the role of Fort Belvoir. I went back to the same congressmen and showed them 23 documents which confirmed these missions and the Fort Belvoir operative base. The Air Force intervened, at first claiming that they were war missions and then trying to make *Moon Dust* and *Blue Fly* out to be pacific.

In the three chapters devoted to *Moon Dust* and *Blue Fly*, I have not included letters which name members of Congress who stated that the related documents had been destroyed. That's pure disinformation on the part of Defense. The Attorney General knew about the Air Force's cover-up but didn't follow up with an inquiry.

PH: Why not?

CS: For two reasons. Firstly, if we claim that life elsewhere is possible, then we should reach a technological level which can be applied and integrated into culture in case of hostilities. Secondly, we'd feel the need to understand our visitors as much as possible, and this constitutes a serious problem.

In the Army, they repeatedly told me not to expect or anticipate all the meetings with the so-called "entities"—the EBEs. They

called them "entities" because they didn't know where they came from. Later on, they told us that they may even be hostile. Every now and again we shot at them and they responded with weapons. I call tell you about an episode which took place in Brazil. Two military contingents opened fire from the ground on two UFOs which responded, causing a 60 per cent loss of materiel and an 80 per cent loss of personnel. So were we capable of standing up to hostile action? Not at all. A lot of people believed an *Independence Day* scenario was possible. But in reality, an invasion of hostile forces from space or from other powers was underway—and I'm not talking about one race, but 57 different races.

PH: Fifty-seven different races?

CS: Yes, we have identified fifty-seven.

PH: Is this documented?

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CS: Yes it is, but in documents which will never be published—unless they manage to force open the archives. Do you know how we know all of this? There's only one possible way: using so-called "interactions" or "interface exchanges". Anybody who worked in this field and revealed they knew about these secrets was told, "You have a special mission to carry out". In any case, if I told you everything I've done, you'd find it hard to believe me.

I loved my country, I believed in the Army and in doing my duty in Vietnam, even if it cost my life. It was destiny. So, even though I had been declared unfit for service, I arrived in Vietnam and realised that the wrong people were giving the orders. My task was to gather together the children and help them. In the end, we saved 1,700.

PH: Talking of children, do you know about particularly gifted subjects who are used by government agencies as interpreters or interfaces with aliens?

CS: That's a subject which worries me a lot. I was once on one side of a table and there were non-human beings on the other. No one in that room knew what was going on, but *I* did.

PH: Have you ever talked about it?

CS: No. I told my soul that I'd take it all with me to my grave. Instead, it was Congressman Steven Schiff who died, and I still have a lot of doubts about his death...

PH: So, after your sighting as a child, the government monitored your interaction with aliens, using you, we could say, as an interlocutor with other races in order to glean information?

CS: Exactly. It was the government which wanted to squeeze this information out of us.

PH: I mean you, you in particular.

CS: There are a great deal of things I haven't ever said.

CS: So, if your job was to be an intermediary...do you believe that there will be contact in the future?

CS: We have already had contact.

PH: But in the near future?

CS: Definitely; within 25 years. We are moving towards a militarised space which will lead to the opening of new frontiers in research and development. We will become voyagers in space; we will go towards other solar systems. Current technology doesn't allow us to draw our discoveries together and put A, B and C together in order to get B. If space becomes militarised, it will be a threat to our visitors. It's easy to see why.

We need to use technology responsibly for the betterment of our race; and if other intelligent species really exist up there, we have obligations towards them. We, as a race, are still not mature and spiritual enough to do this. Do I believe in God? Yes! And *they* believe in God, too. But our definition of divinity is probably in conflict with theirs, which doesn't mean that we have a different point of view... But they are also ready to defend themselves. I think they will continue to monitor us until we constitute a threat, within the next 30 years.

This [showing me a page in his book] is a document taken from an intelligence memorandum which was sent to the FBI. It should have been destroyed. I told the FBI that the Air Force had authorised its release. They didn't know that the Air Force didn't want the information to be released. And it worked.

PH: Your book came out in July 1997, and by now they ought to know that you have these documents, don't you think?

CS: As far as the Air Force and the Pentagon are concerned, they don't exist. But I have shown the opposite to be true.

PH: Can you tell us the number of your work group?

CS: It was 4607.

PH: Is that a recovery team in the Air Force?

CS: Yes. It's based at Fort Belvoir. There they train and look after people who have had—I hate the phrase "psychic phenomena"—experiences as an interface. They tell you, "You are going to be an interface", and it's logical that your reaction could be very emotional.

PH: Let's talk about recoveries. It seems that aliens don't bother coming back to save their companions left on Earth after a crash. What do you think about Area 51?

CS: Do you want the truth? Area 51 is an expedient. However, there is a connection. We still use Edwards base in California, which belongs to the Air Force. I want to make it clear, though, that I am *not* saying that nothing of the kind associated with the UFO phenomenon happens in that base.

PH: And what do you think of alien corpses put in containers?

CS: It's science fiction. We have a "marker", an identifier, who acts as an interface with the fabricator. The fabricator then provides specific information, small fragments of the truth, messages which must appear to be very positive. So after managing to influence the identifier, the fabricator will disappear and the identifier will carry out the task he has been assigned to do. If we want the ufological community to believe certain things, it must know what we do. First of all, we give the fabricator the task of identifying what we define "intelligence targeting", a target—this is the marker—being an individual who will circulate and start to spread... It's surprising to see how easy it is...

PH: To spread the partial truth...

CS: We call it "disinformation".

PH: If the Roswell crash was covered up, does that mean that during World War II something similar had already happened? Why are you smiling?

CS: At 12.15 during the night of 25 February 1942, a formation of 12 to 15 unidentified craft was seen in the sky over Los Angeles, California. They were neither ours, nor the Navy's, nor the Marines'. Not having established the identity or radio contact, we decided to attack in the fear that they were unknown enemies. Our coastal artillerymen discharged 1,430 shots against the targets. There was no reaction—no bombs, no plane shot down, no damage to property, no victims—and the craft disappeared. General Marshall related the incident to the President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the very next day.

In 1943 in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur asked General Doolittle for news of an unusual object which had faced our fighters and bombers. At the end of 1943, Doolittle informed MacArthur that some "spectators" had followed the main military action. They were not terrestrial and maybe they were hostile.

PH: "Spectators"—is that what they call them?

CS: That's how Doolittle and MacArthur described them. We didn't know much about it. All I know is that something happened in China which convinced Doolittle, without a doubt, based on events which led to the recovery of a craft.

PH: Who was Doolittle?

CS: He was a very famous, very active Air Force pilot. He led the "Doolittle raid" using B25s [James Harold Doolittle, an air hero, led the first air raid over Tokyo on 18

April 1942]... Just think, I was declared unfit for service...and yet, at the end of my service, I received another kind of training—the so-called "AM" or "advanced individual training"... It said on my file that I'd enlisted in the Air Force for three years, whereas the service period then was four years. In the end, I was assigned to NBC—nuclear, biological, chemical warfare—in the communications sector.

PH: Did they ever ask you about your experiences of contact?

CS: I believe they knew about it...

PH: If this happens in the USA, it's possible that they do it in other countries...

CS: Yes. The situation is such that we are forced to reveal the information to every interested country. There's no doubt about it. In the USA, a small group of people—not designated officials—deals with this... It's a select group. For them, it's always and only a question of national security. They're interested in military application, in new technology... Anything else is secondary.

PH: In other words, the government gets everything it can technologically from this contact with ETs. In the meantime, no one worries about internal development or the spiritual side of the UFO presence.

CS: Absolutely; they don't give it a thought. But in reality, the spiritual aspect of the UFO phenomenon must be given the utmost consideration.

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